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ICDS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nutritional level of meals served under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) is sufficient to meet the nutrition need of the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of children receiving supplementary nutrition;

(c) the funds allocated and utilised under the ICDS scheme, during the last threeyears and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has been able to achieve its objectives of reducing malnutrition, drop out rates among children through this scheme, if so, the details thereof, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a)& (b) Yes, Madam. Supplementary nutrition under ICDS is provided in order to bridge the gap between the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) and Average Dietary Intake (ADI) as per the revised nutrition and feeding norms under ICDS, which is at Annexure-I. SNP is provided in the form of Hot Cooked Meal, Morning Snack and Micronutrient Fortified Food and/or Energy-dense Food as Take Home Ration (THR) to children (6 months − 6 years). Total 837.04 lakh children (6 months−6 years) are receiving supplementary nutrition under ICDS Scheme.

(c) The details of the funds allocated and utilised under the ICDS scheme, during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is at Annexure-II.

(d) As per Rapid Survey on Children (RSoC), 2013-14, commissioned by Ministry of Women and Child Development, 29.4% children under 5 years of age are underweight indicating a reduction from data of the NFHS − 3 conducted in 2005-06, which reported 42.5% children under 5 years of age as underweight. The details are at Annexure-III.